

# Connected engineering information for a connected world

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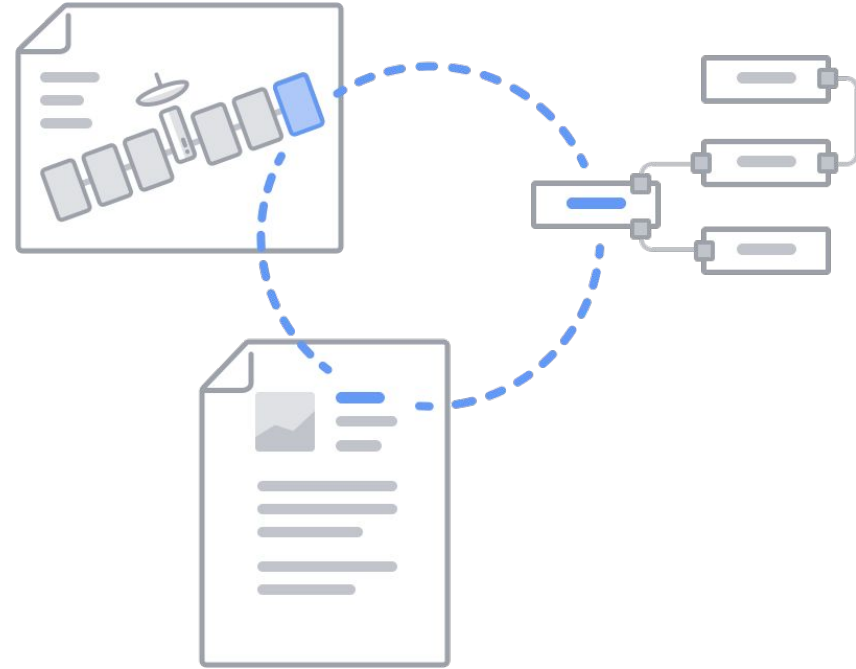
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# Open Model-Based Engineering Environment

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- OpenMBEE is a **community** for open source modeling software and models
  - Open source software activities
  - Open source models
  - Open source exchange of ideas
- Participants and adopters:  
JPL, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, OMG,  
NavAir, Ford, Stevens, Georgia Tech, ESO,  
...
- > 400 members



Linked Data Documents with OpenMBEE

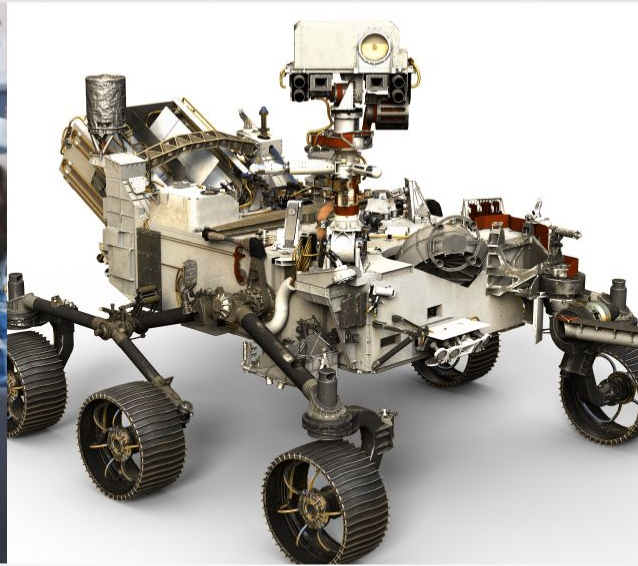


**Systems Engineers guide the  
concurrent collaborative design  
of complex technical systems**

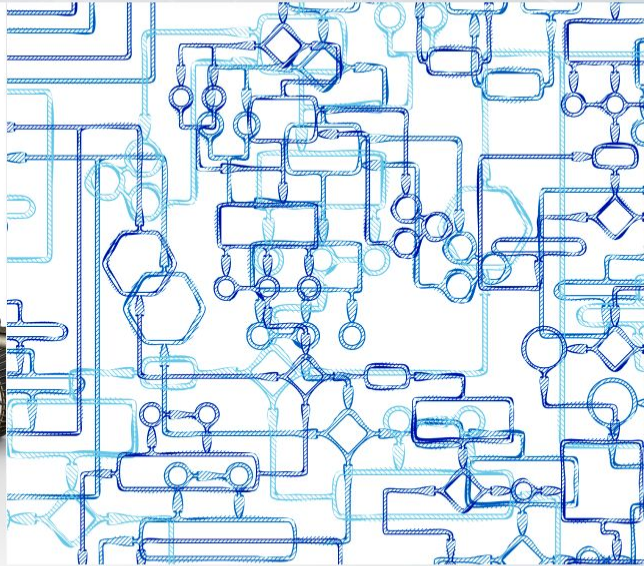




**Leadership**



**Architect and Design  
Cyber-Physical Systems**



**Manage Complexity**

# Flight project teams are large





# A project starts simple



# Engineers iterate on their models



**Systems engineers enter this data into their rollup**





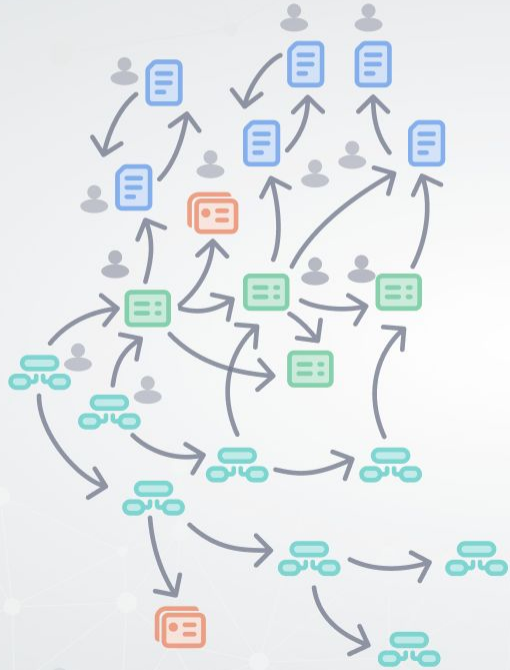
**They add it to a document and get inputs from others**



**And add it to a spreadsheet to track it over time**



**It can get complicated quickly**

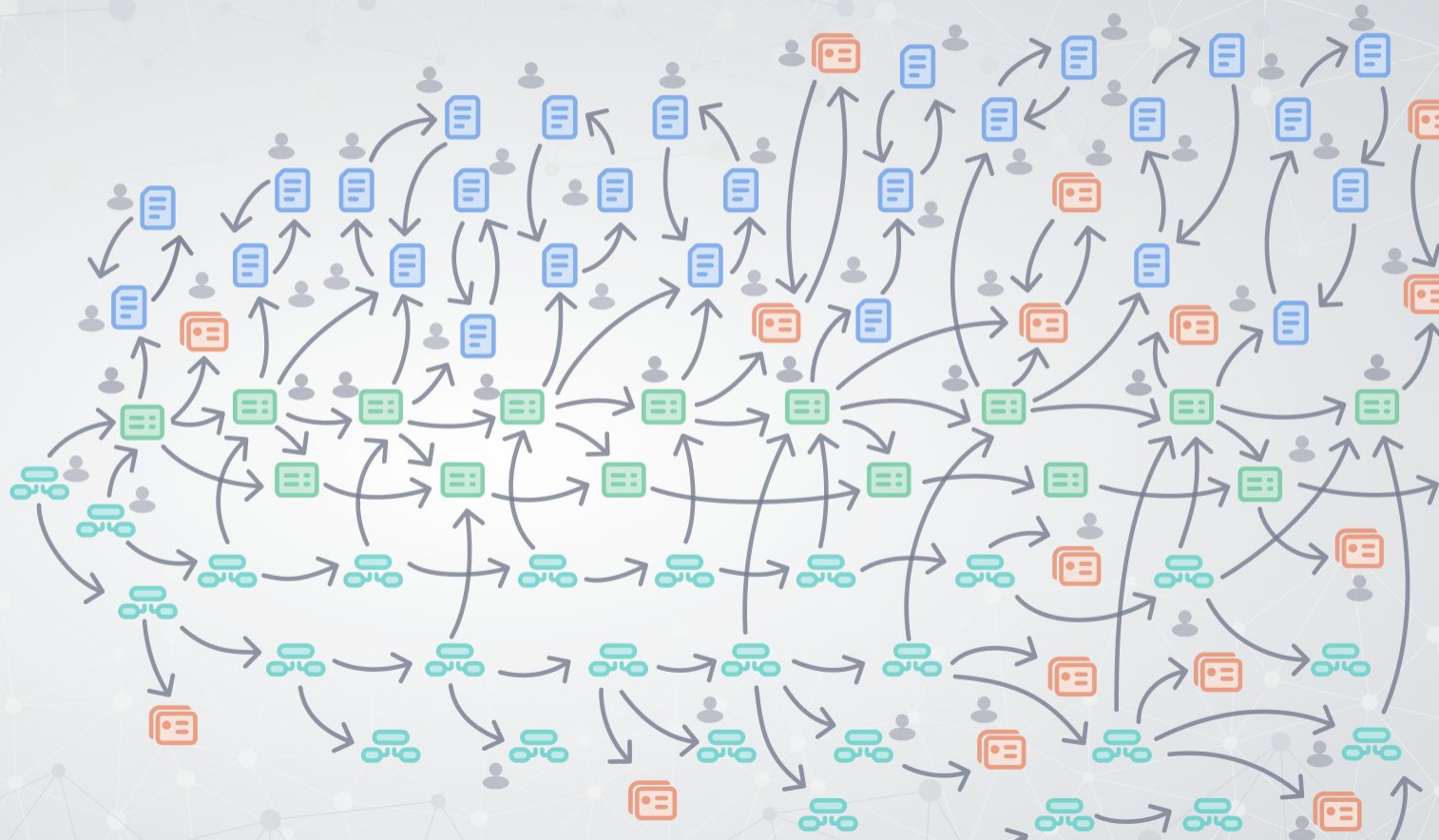




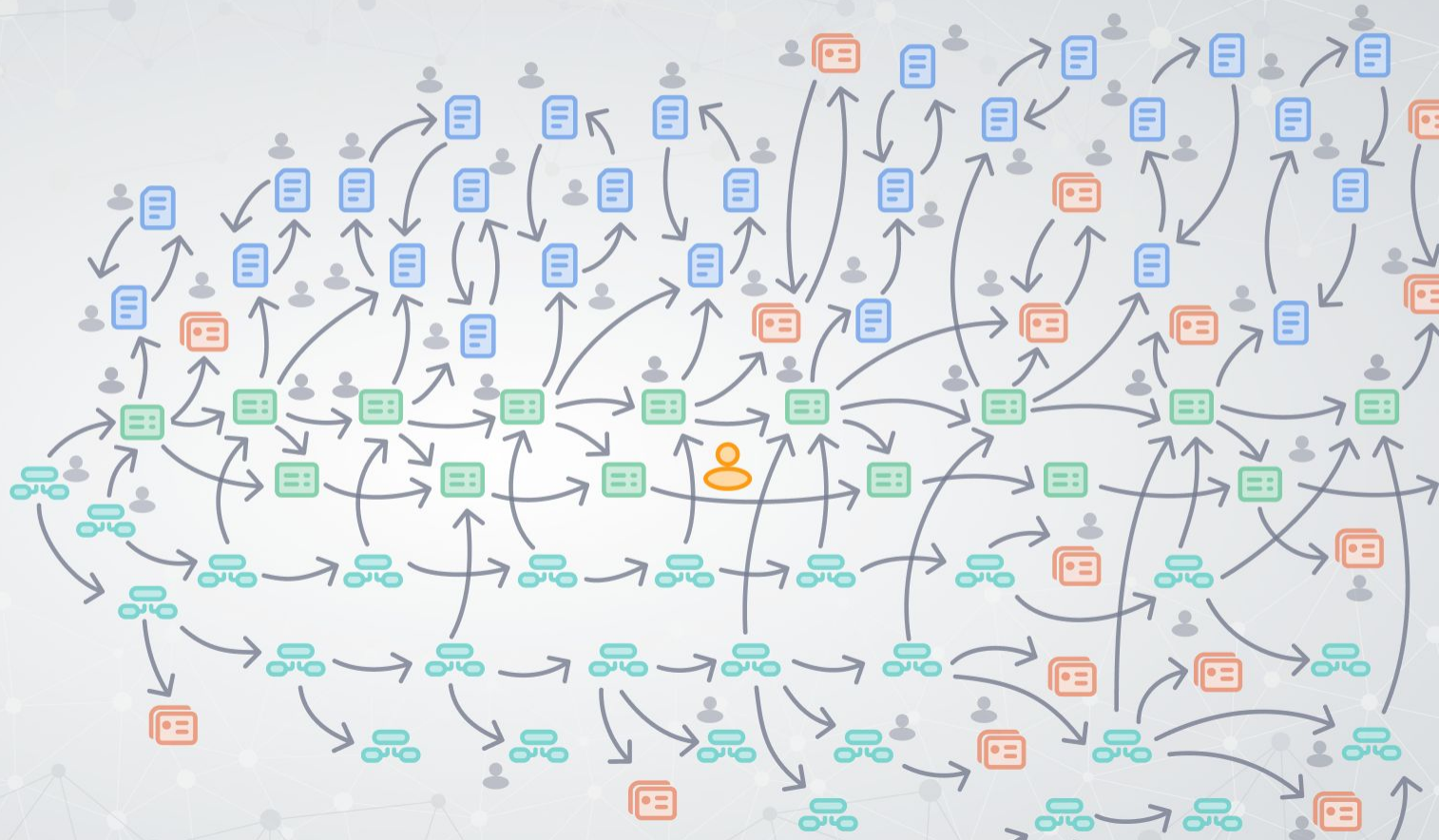
**It can get complicated quickly**



**It can get complicated quickly**



**And become overwhelming...**







**Most of my job is data entry.  
I want to do REAL ENGINEERING.**

JPL Systems Engineer



**Using engineers as information  
janitors isn't the best use of  
their skill.**

JPL Systems Engineer

# Real engineering vs. overhead



**Repetitive Data  
Entry**



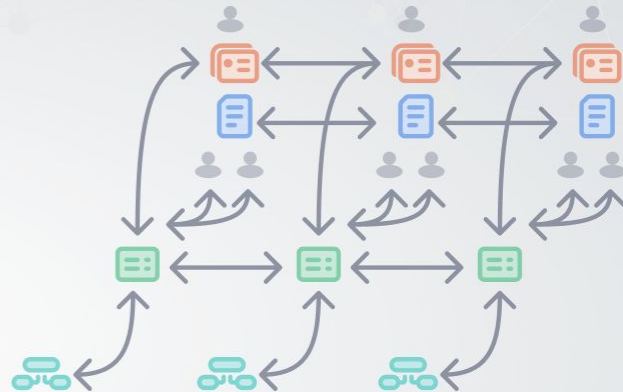
**Version  
Confusion**



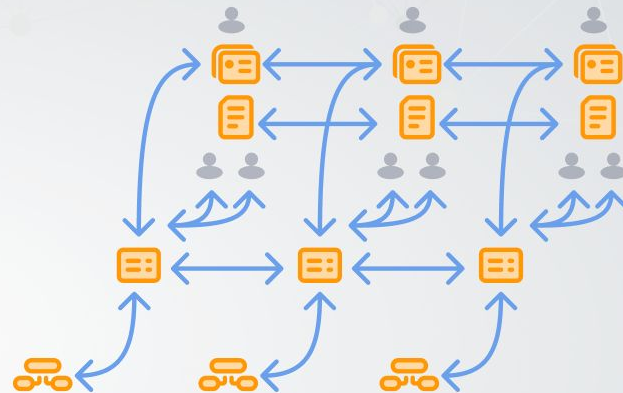
**Constant  
Searching**



**A better way...**



**A better way...**



# Connected information, connected engineers







**100% JPL**  
**Core Components**



**Model Management  
System**



**View Editor & Platform  
for Model Analysis**



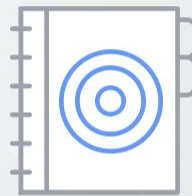
**Model Development  
Kits**



**Documentation  
and Training**



**Thirty Meter  
Telescope Model**



**OpenSE Cookbook**



**Thirty Meter  
Telescope  
Model**



**Model Management  
System**



**Authoritative  
Source**

**OpenSE  
Cookbook**

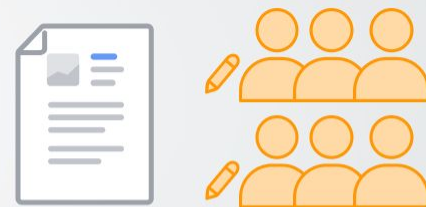


**Model Development  
Kits**



**Engineering Modeling**

**View Editor & Platform  
for Model Analysis**



**Document Authoring**

# Master Equipment List



**Model Management  
System**

**Authoritative  
Source**



**Flight System Engineer**

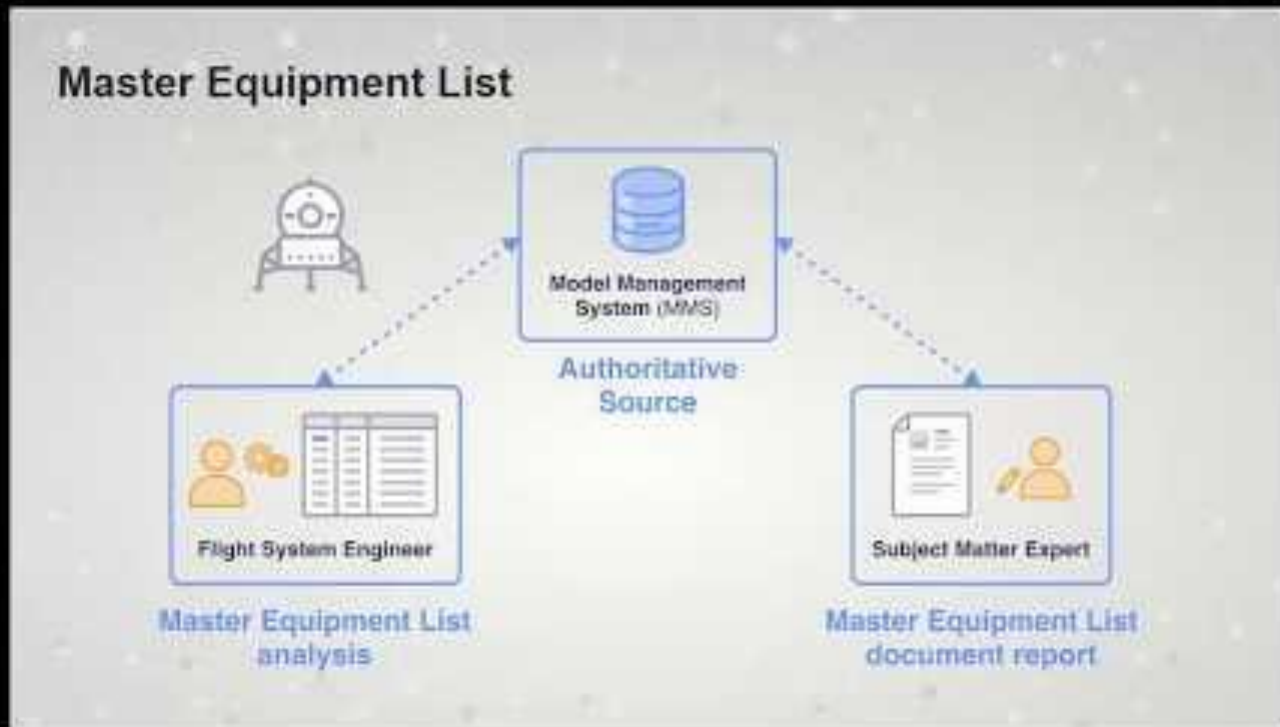
**Master Equipment List  
analysis**



**Subject Matter Expert**

**Master Equipment List  
document report**

# Demo





# OpenMBEE adopters and contributors



## NASA

Mars 2020  
Europa Clipper  
ARRM  
Mars Sample Return  
MAIA  
SWOT  
NASA Pathfinder  
Europa Lander



## Science & Engineering

Thirty Meter Telescope  
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Systems Engineering Research Center  
Georgia Tech Research Institute  
Georgia Tech Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory



## Industry

Boeing  
Ford Motor Company  
Lockheed Martin Corporation



## Standards

Object Modeling Group  
INCOS



## Vendors

Dassault Systemes  
IncQuery Labs  
Capella  
IntercaX  
Tom Sawyer  
Phoenix Integrations  
Maplesoft

# Flight Project Impact: Reduction of Overhead



Europa Clipper

**100**

Concurrent users



**230+**

Documents and decision  
gate deliverables including



**445,000**

Connections between elements





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**The Mass and Power Equipment Lists produced by the model provided crucial support to the key mission architecture trades... A key enabler of this modeling capability came from components of OpenMBEE.**

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Todd Bayer, Flight System Engineer, Europa Clipper/JPL



# Flight Project Impact: Technical Rigor



Mars 2020

50

Concurrent users



90+

Documents and decision  
gate deliverables including



Reference Designator List



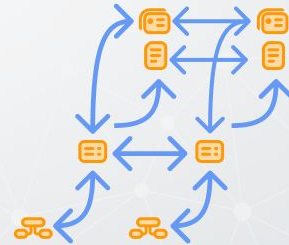
Electrical Function List



Electrical Functional Block Diagram

180,000

Connections between elements







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**...documents that were shared with the entire project and were used as the authoritative source of truth for key FSSE deliveries such as the: Reference Designator List, Motor MUX table, Electrical Function List.**

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Elyse Fosse, Mars2020 Flight System and  
Mission System Systems Engineer



# International Standards Impact: Digital Transformation



**Systems Modeling  
Language V2**

**60+**

Organizations

**30**

Contributors

**100+**

Consumers

**6**

Documents  
including



SysML v2 RFP



SysML v2 Submission



SysML 1.x Specification

**10,212**

Connections between elements



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**The capability that OpenMBEE provides is helping to dramatically shape the direction of MBSE, and is turning out to be a critical enabler of MBSE as part of the digital transformation.**

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Sanford Friedenthal, Founder of SysML, INCOSE representative and Systems Engineering domain-specific interest group lead at Object Modeling Group

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# Aerospace Industry Impact: Enterprise Scalability



**1,000**

Concurrent users

**50**

Programs



**100**

Concurrent users

**50**

Projects





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**The architecture of OpenMBEE  
proves to be enterprise scalable  
and has so far greatly satisfied our  
operational needs.**

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Brittany Friedland, John Herrold, Barry Overcash  
Systems Engineering Architects  
The Boeing Company

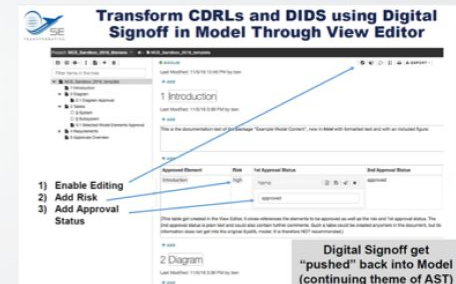


# Academia Impact: Inter-Organizational Collaboration



## NAVAIR Model-Based Acquisition Strategy

-  Surrogate Pilot RFP delivered to NAVAIR
-  Data Item Descriptions (DIDs)
-  Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL)





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**...use OpenMBEE View and Viewpoints as a means for placing a Digital signoff directly with model information that provides the needed evidence.**

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Mark Blackburn, Senior Research Scientist at Stevens/SERC,  
Key enabling research on proving MBSE and MBEE for US Navy



# Intra-Organizational Environment Today





# Inter-Organizational Concept



# Mars Sample Return Concept



# Global Engineering Ecosystem Vision



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for a connected world**

# OpenMBEE Updates

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- New home with NumFOCUS
- First *International* Workshop on OpenMBEE at MODELS 2020 on October 19, 2020

Register @

<https://www.openmbee.org/models2020>

- Architecture in development simplifies software operations while adding new capabilities



OpenMBEE is now a NumFOCUS Sponsored Project



# OpenMBEE Vision

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- Global Engineering Ecosystem
- Unlock value through commoditization
  - Open / Inner source
  - Discoverable
  - Searchable
  - Learnable
- Provide a standards powered engineering platform using SysML v2 + API & Services



# OpenMBEE Vision

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- Marry the ubiquity and popularity of programming languages, e.g. Python, with the rigor and durability of systems modeling
- Augment Jupyter's multi-language analysis capabilities with modeling and connected engineering



# OpenMBEE Vision

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- Enable novel data-driven analyses with advanced capabilities, as a service
  - graph querying
  - distributed computing
  - real time collaboration

Join the community in making this vision  
into a reality @ [openmbee.org](https://openmbee.org)





# OpenMBEE

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## Questions?

